

Douglas Avenue Chalk Art Contest

Part of First Friday Fest | Friday, October 3, 2025 | 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Outside the Ruffin Building in Downtown Wichita

Celebrate Community Through Sidewalk Art

Join Downtown Wichita for the Douglas Avenue Chalk Art Contest — a vibrant, family-friendly event that brings color, creativity, and community stories to life, one square at a time. Whether you're a seasoned artist or chalk enthusiast, we invite you to turn the sidewalk into your canvas during this special First Friday Fest celebration.

This year's theme — "Heartland Stories" — invites artists to explore the spirit of the Midwest: resilience, kindness, quiet strength, and creative connection. Your artwork can be literal or abstract, deeply personal or widely relatable. Let your chalk tell a story rooted in place and purpose.

Event Details

Date: Friday, October 3, 2025

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Judging and award at 6 p.m.)

Location: On Douglas Avenue at the Ruffin Building in downtown, between Broadway and Topeka.

Happening during First Friday Fest – live music, public art and more!

2025 Cash Prizes

1st place - \$300 2nd place - \$200 3rd place - \$100

Registration - Opening Soon

- View the Artists Rules & Guidelines a signed copy must be submitted with your registration.
- Limited spaces available register early to secure your spot!
- Deadline: Registration closes Wednesday, October 23 at 5 p.m. CST